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Sen. Allen announces DNR budget provides \$400,000 for Petoskey breakwater repairs

LANSING – State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, successfully offered an amendment to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources budget Wednesday that includes \$400,000 in funding for repairs to the Petoskey breakwater.

The breakwater is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Funds for the temporary repairs will come from the Michigan State Waterways Fund, which is overseen by the DNR. The funding is contingent upon the federal government agreeing to repay the state for this expenditure.

“I am hopeful that federal funds will come through in time to make repairs this year,” Allen said. “However this funding will provide another option for funding to ensure that the harbor is protected for the winter.”

The breakwater was damaged during a windstorm in March when a 50-foot expanse of concrete was separated from the rest of the structure.

Currently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lacks the funds necessary to make the repairs.

“These repairs must be done before winter,” Allen said. “By making these repairs now, we will protect the harbor from future damage and the need for more costly repairs down the road.”

The Senate unanimously approved the budget.

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